

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 30, 2007

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, March 30, 2007 at the Hamilton County Highway Department 1700 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. President Dillinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman and Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger. Commissioner Steven A. Holt was absent.

Naming of 146th Street to I-69

Discussion was held on the naming of 146th Street to I-69. Mr. Brad Davis stated Noblesville has assigned their business addresses. Mr. Joel Thurman stated even though this section of road is going to be named Campus Parkway that it is still the county’s road. Altman stated that we need to meet with Noblesville for discussion; the county thinks the name should remain 146th Street but if it is important to the City economically we will do double signage. Thurman stated the interlocal agreement for this section is very clear, but what he does not want to happen is for Noblesville to say this is no longer 146th Street, the county has jurisdiction over 146th Street and this is Campus Parkway and this is Noblesville’s jurisdiction. Altman stated we did not invest this kind of money to lose jurisdiction. We had this discussion and she is not going to back off the original agreement. Altman stated she is willing to double sign it for economic reasons only. Swift asked how far west does Noblesville want that name to go? Davis stated to Marilyn Road. Thurman stated the highway department’s concern is that this is the county’s road and we will have control over road cuts and anything that goes in right of way, per the agreement. Altman suggested a formal amendment to the agreement stating dual signage to accommodate their economic development.

146th Street and SR 37

Thurman stated the word is that Wal-Mart is coming in at 146th Street and SR 37 at Northpoint Boulevard. The highway department has not seen plans but we have been told they are applying for a drive permit to cut across from the second entrance to Marsh. Thurman stated this is smart because the western most entrance we are putting a concrete median in and not allowing left in or left out. We will let Marsh continue with their current road cut. The highway’s stance will be that all road cuts were negotiated up front. We will look at each case but for this case their access must be maintained on Northpoint Boulevard and we will deny a road cut on 146th Street, if that comes through the highway department. Dillinger asked if you are closing the first access off, is that not the main road that goes through Marsh? Thurman stated yes, we are closing that. Thurman stated according to Noblesville everyone that comes in talking about zoning changes and road cuts. Discussion followed. Thurman stated his main purpose of bringing this up is to let the commissioners know the requests for road cuts in this area are coming. Dillinger stated he does not have a problem with what the highway department is doing, he has concerns about what is happening on the south side of the road. Dillinger asked if we allowed for a light at Northpoint? Thurman stated no, this is not one of the fully signaled intersections listed in the agreement with Noblesville. Thurman stated the agreement is very specific of what goes where but the last paragraph states both parties agree that future additional access locations will be permitted only by mutual approval.

Drainage Issues

Davis stated they have a discussion on the drainage at Joe Robbins home which is probably better discussed in Executive Session. Dillinger asked it to be put on the April 9, 2007 Executive Session and request Kent Ward to research the background and attend this meeting.

Altman stated she has asked Kent Ward and Brad Davis to discuss drainage and highway complaints because we are bouncing people back and forth regarding whether it is a drainage issue or highway issue. Altman stated it is her philosophy that we build roads and if we have a drainage ditch to drain it, it should drain the road. The highway department does not maintain drainage ditches because we don’t have right of way. It is the landowner that is to make sure the ditches are maintained. Most of the time the issue is the culverts are not working right on the landowners property.

Olio Road and I-69

Davis stated St. Vincent’s Hospital is looking at building a hospital at Olio Road and I-69. He has had a discussion with Gary Eberling with St. Vincent’s Hospital, regarding the bridge over I-69 blocking the view of the hospital of north bound traffic. St. Vincent’s would prefer the bridge not go there. Davis told them it will only help traffic flow. Mr. Eberling understood Davis’ point and Davis suggested they consider relocating the hospital on the site. Altman and Dillinger recommended Davis put that conversation in writing that the plan will not be modified and the Commissioners will sign the letter.

Cambridge at Geist

Davis stated he received a call from Mike Fisher of Cambridge at Geist regarding the status of the project to realign Olio Road at 104th Street. Mr. Fisher has a concern that this project will encourage more thru traffic through their neighborhood. Davis has invited him to come up and view the plans as we get further into the project.

Westfield Meeting

Davis stated highway staff met with representatives from Westfield and they are going to give us information on their desires on the US 31 project and are asking the commissioners join them with a letter of support.

Dillinger adjourned the meeting.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Joel Thurman, Interim Highway Engineer
Tim Knapp, Right of Way Specialist
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

APPROVED
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ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor